**Over staffing in Central Public Sector Undertakings**

1572. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Central Public Sector Undertakings including the STC, have been suffering from ballooning workers' force;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the extent of over staffing in each of them as on June 30, 1990; and

(c) the steps taken or being taken to rid them of the problem without resorting to retrenchment and causing hardship and injustice to the employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) and (b) As per the information collected by the Government some time back, 31 public sector enterprises had reported that 50,287 employees were surplus to their requirements, 86 public sector enterprises had no surplus and the remaining 92 public sector enterprises had not yet identified surplus staff.

(c) Government has formulated a Voluntary Retirement Scheme for implementation by Public Sector Enterprises with the objective of reducing surplus manpower.

**Threat of strike by Employees of public sector undertakings**

1573. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether employees of public sector undertakings all over the country had threatened to go on a two day strike on 11th and 12th July, 1990, to press their demand for DA on Central Government pattern;

(b) if so, whether Government had received due notice for the strike from the coordination Committee of Officers Association of Central Public Sector Undertakings;

(c) if so, the details of the demand made by them and what steps were taken by Government to avert the strike and to resolve the issues involved; and

(d) whether Government had also received any representation from them earlier on the subject; if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) to (d) Government had received notice of strike on 11th and 12th July, 1990 from Executives of the Public Sector mainly to press their demand for DA on Central Government Banking Sector pattern. An appeal was made by the Government on 3rd July, 1990 to the Executives to desist from going on strike as the industrial dearness allowance formula was already under consideration of the Tripartite DA Committee and any decision taken by Government on the recommendations of this Committee would equally apply to the executives. These issues had also been raised earlier when it was explained to the executives that DA formula is to be viewed as part of total emoluments consisting of pay, DA and perquisites and not any component thereof in isolation.

**Schemes for clearing and for preventing Pollution of Narmada River Waters**

1574. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the schemes drawn out for cleansing and for preventing pollution of the Narmada river waters;

(b) the progress made in implementation of each of the schemes and by when the same are likely to be completed; and

(c) the expenditure incurred so far in respect of each scheme, the original estimated cost thereof and the likely cost at the time of completion of each scheme?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) The State Government of Madhya Pradesh is implementing an action plan for cleaning the Narmada. A total sum of Rs. 401.60 lakhs has been sanctioned for 52 schemes.

(b) As on June, 1990 out of a total of 52 schemes, 32 schemes have been completed, 14 schemes are in progress and the remaining 6 schemes are in the final stages of preparation. The works are targetted to be completed by December, 1991.

(c) The expenditure incurred upto June, 1990 on these works is Rs. 250.26 lakhs. The likely cost of the schemes at the time of completion cannot be indicated at this stage.

**Failure of students of vocational courses due to lack of teaching and training arrangements**

1575. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 95 percent candidates of vocational courses in the Senior Secondary levels have been declared fail by the Central Board of Secondary Education, mainly because of the failure of the Directorate of Education to make proper teaching and training arrangements for their education; and

(b) if so, what were the reasons for not making the said arrangements for the students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) No Sir, the overall pass percentage of students in the vocational stream in the UT of Delhi was 85.2 percent.

(b) Does not arise.

**Enhancement in Pak Defence Budget**

1576. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has drawn to the second full-fledged budget presented by Pakistan-Government on 7th June, 1990 boosting up their defence budget by billions of rupees;

(b) if so, what was the revised defence budget and the percentage increase it represented over the 1989-90 defence budget and what percentage of the total budget outlay for 1990-91 did it represent; and

(c) what is Government's reaction to this enhanced defence budget of Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to available information in Pakistan's Federal Budget for 1990-91, the Defence Budget has been fixed at Rs. 62273 million. It represents an increase of 21.2 percent over the 1989-90 Defence Budget. The share of Defence in current expenditure is 39.1 percent.

(c) Government continuously monitor all developments impinging on the country's security and initiate appropriate measures to ensure effective defence preparedness.

**Police action to prevent destruction of Forests in India**

1577. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that police action to prevent the clearing